

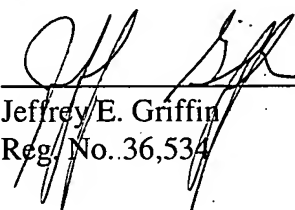
## REMARKS

As a result of the preceding amendments, claims 1-4, 7-9, 16-20, 32-34, and 41-43 remain pending. Of these pending claims, claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 19, 32, 41, and 42 are amended herein. The remaining claims correspond to Group III identified in the restriction requirement of the parent case hereto. All of the amendments made herein are made solely to bring them into the identified Group III.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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